

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

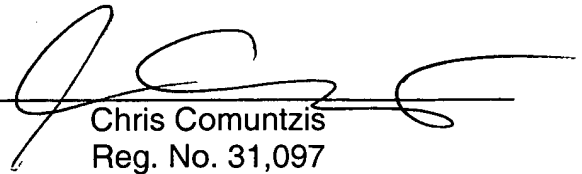
Claims 10-40 now stand in the present application, claims 10 and 11 having been further amended. More particularly, claims 10 and 11 have been amended to be consistent with the earlier Amendment filed on June 23, 2006.

Therefore, it is believed that this case is in better condition for examination on the merits and an early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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